

Colour Management Method (CMM) which maintains CIELAB hue, relative lightness and chroma for analog and digital ISO/IEC-test charts

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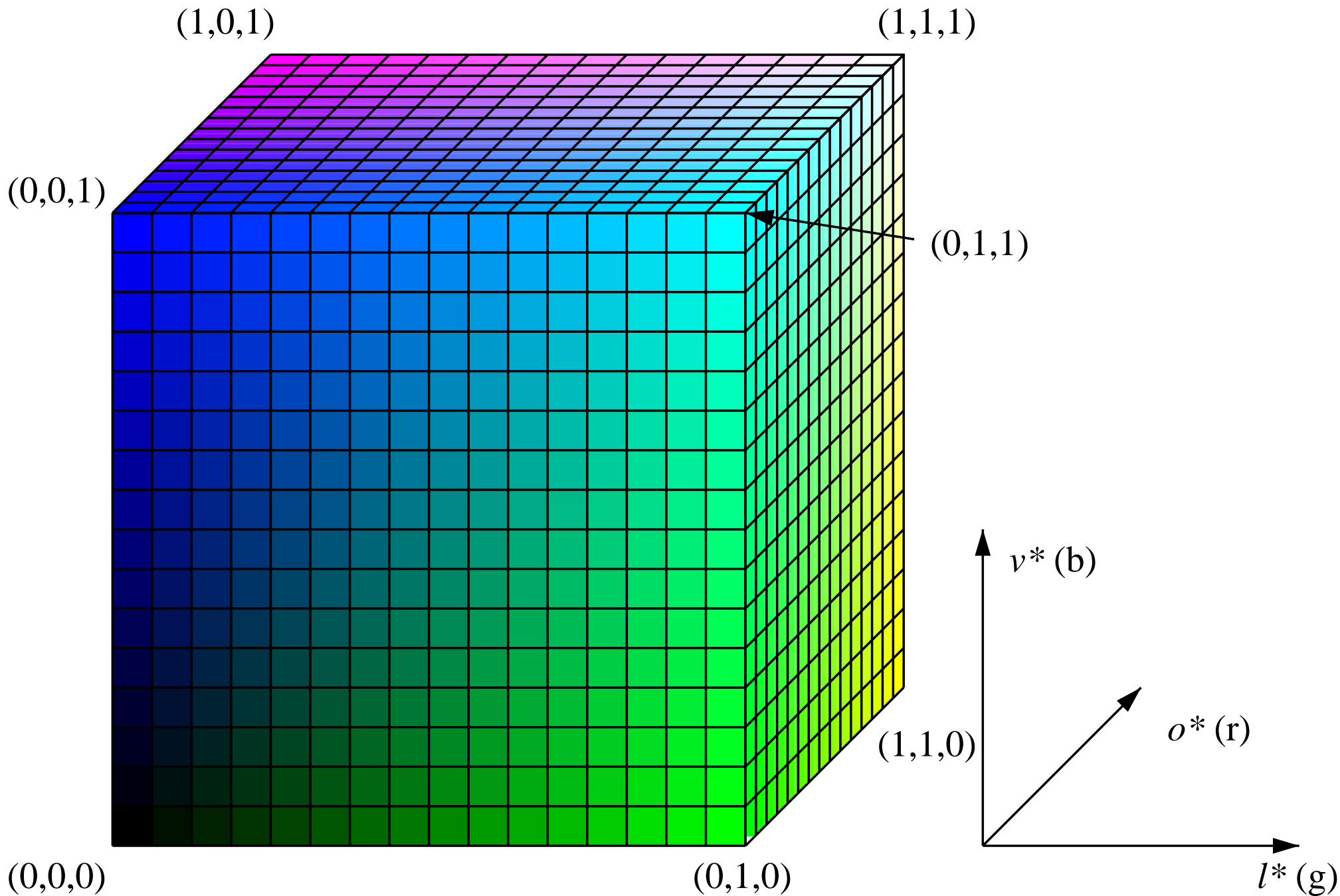
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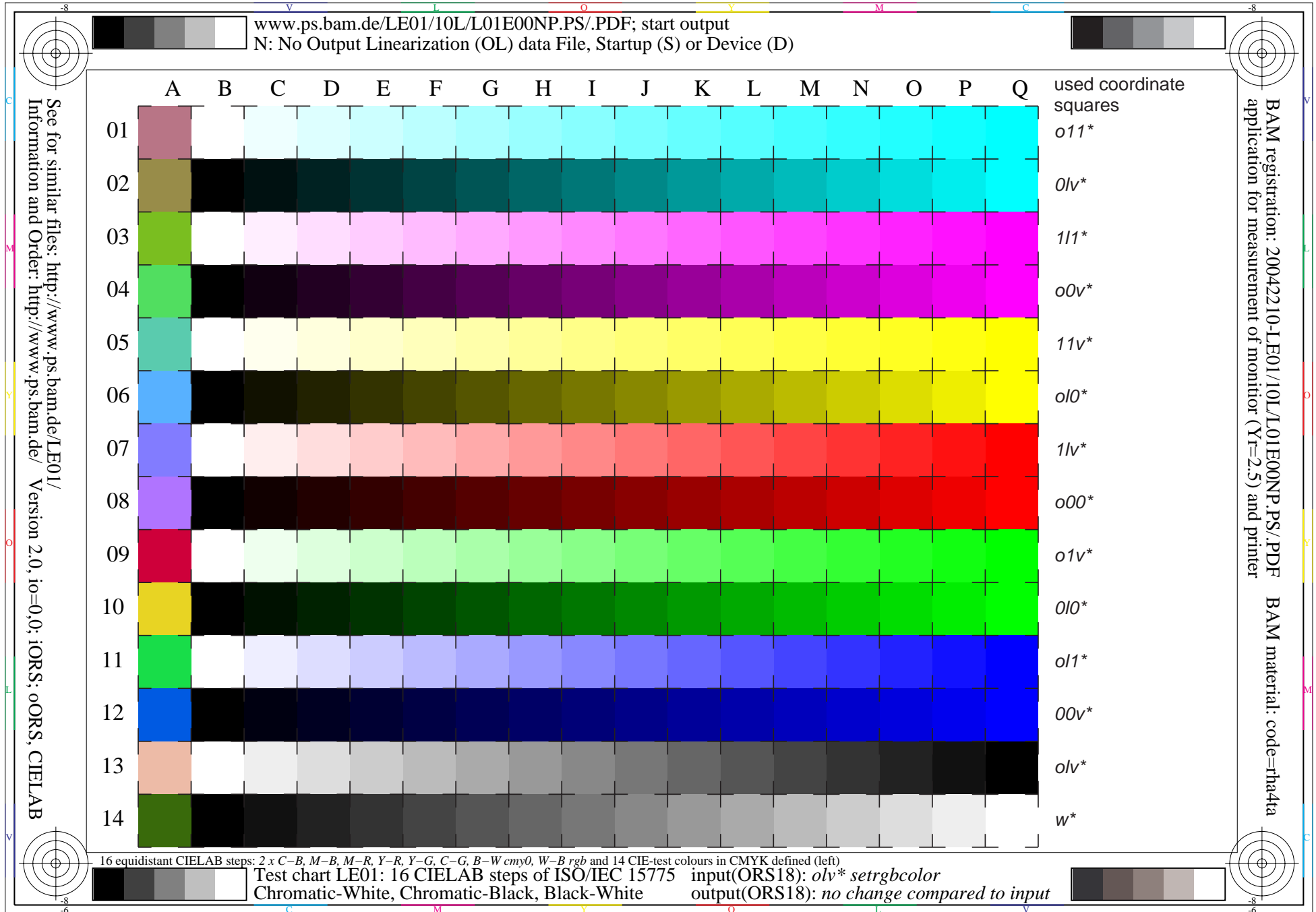
Overview

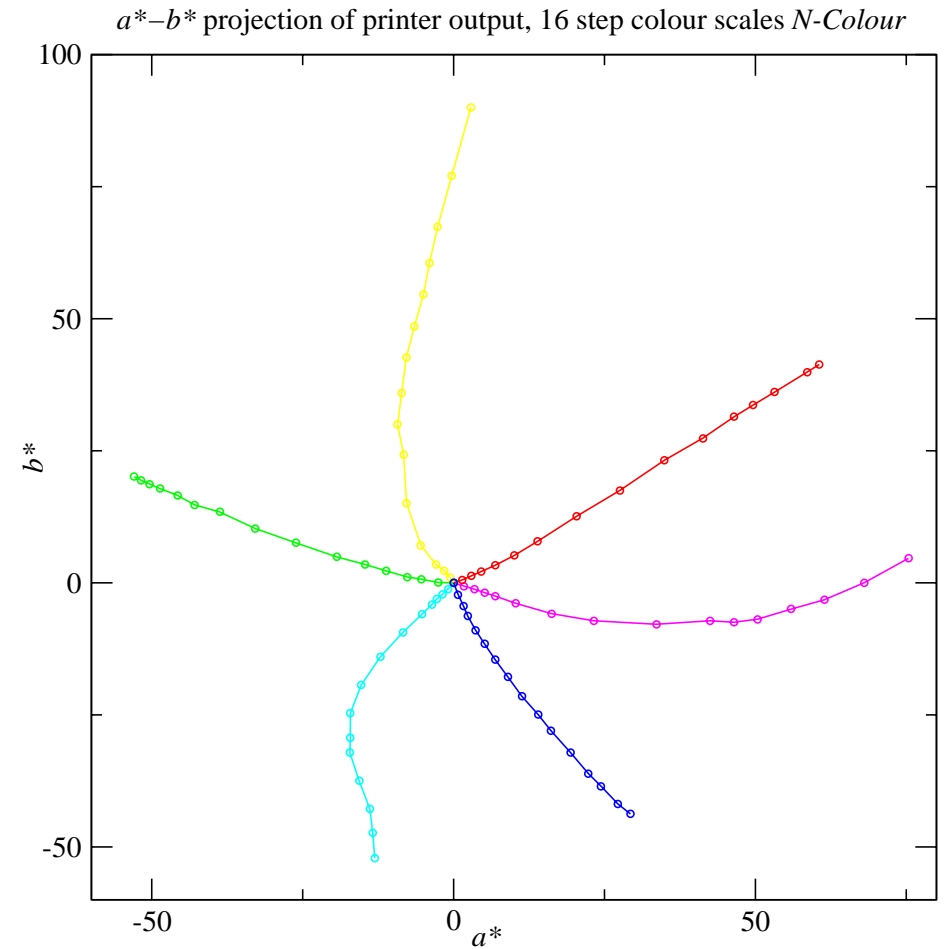
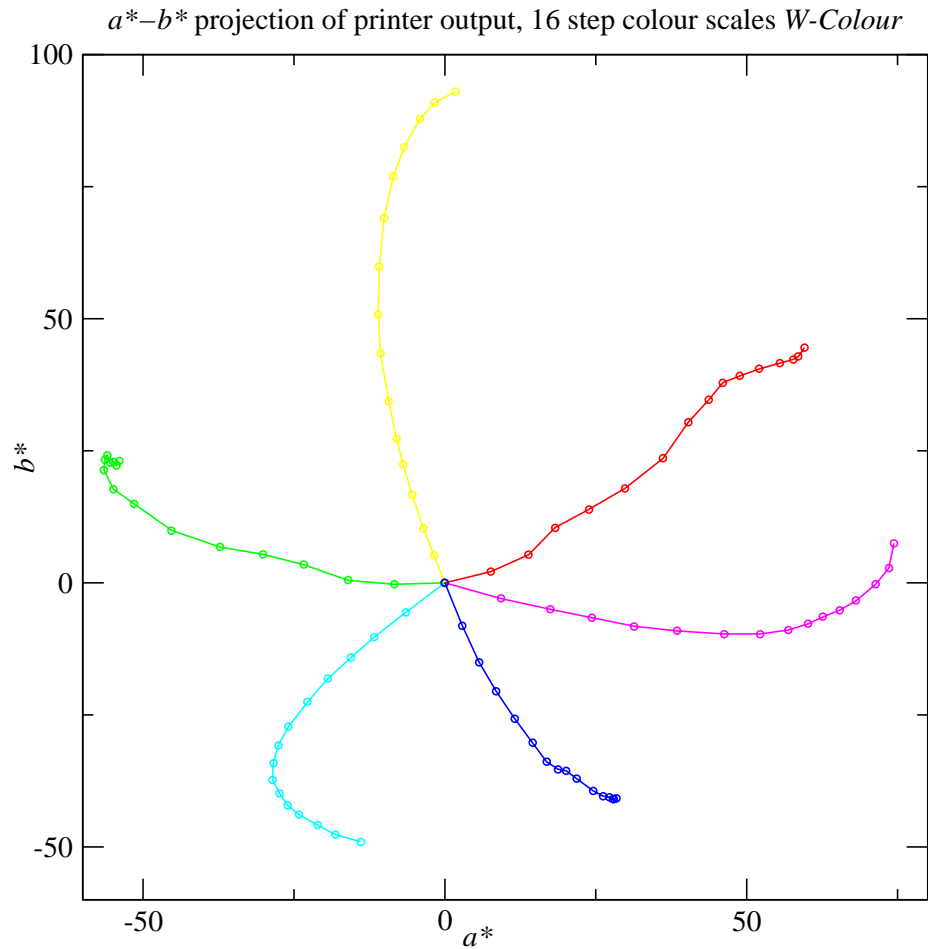
- A typical workflow and its problems
- Introduction of the Natural Colour Connection Space (NCCS)
- Definition of a linear relationship between o/v^* (*rgb*) values and the coordinates of the NCCS
- Correlation between the coordinates of the NCCS and the CIELAB data of a special device
- Definition of a suitable Testchart for a practical workflow
- 2nd output (printout) of calculated o/v'^* values
- Summary & outlook

Definition of the RGB cube, definition range, characteristics



Workflow: 16 step colour scales, printout -> CIELAB data



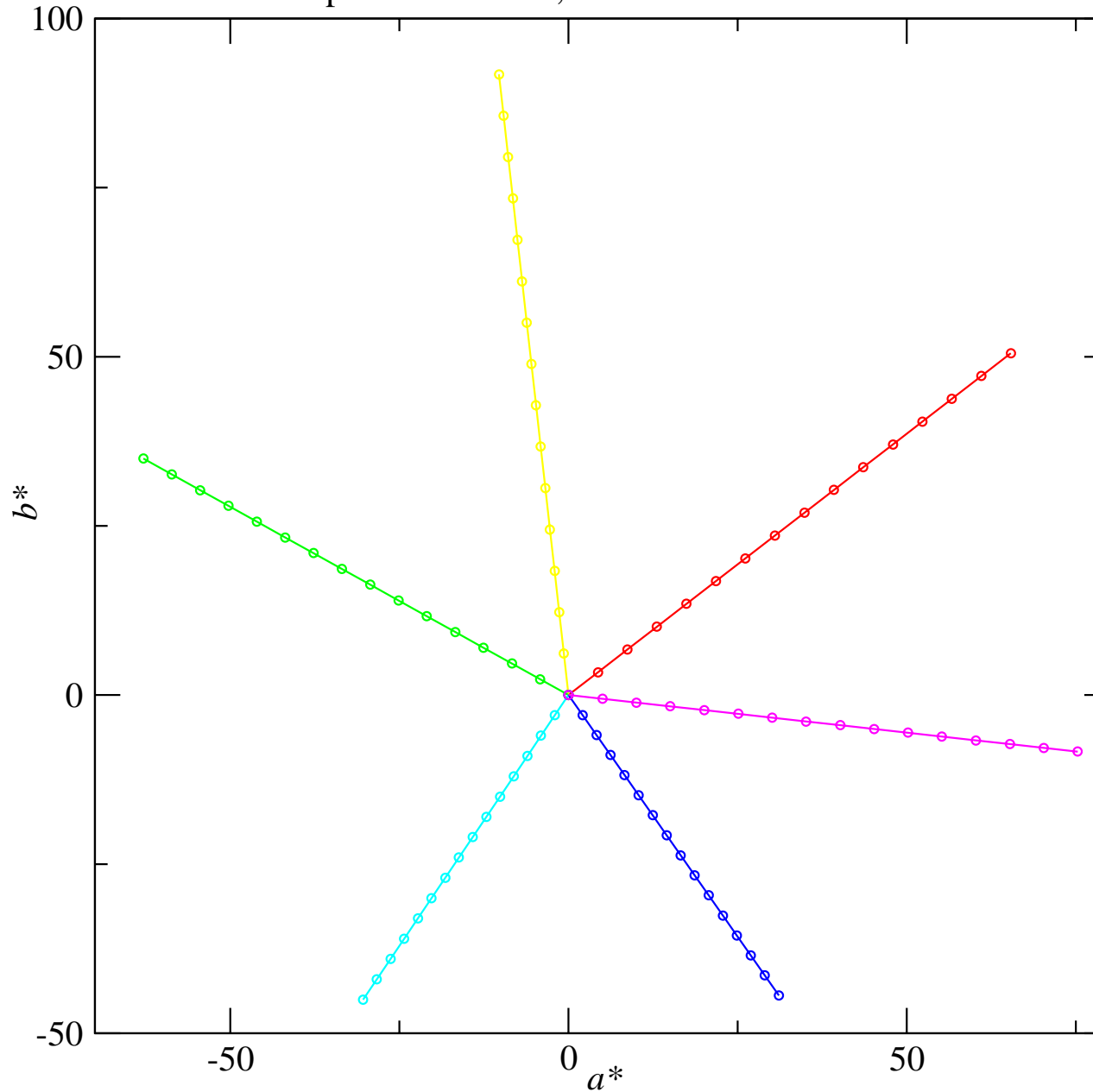


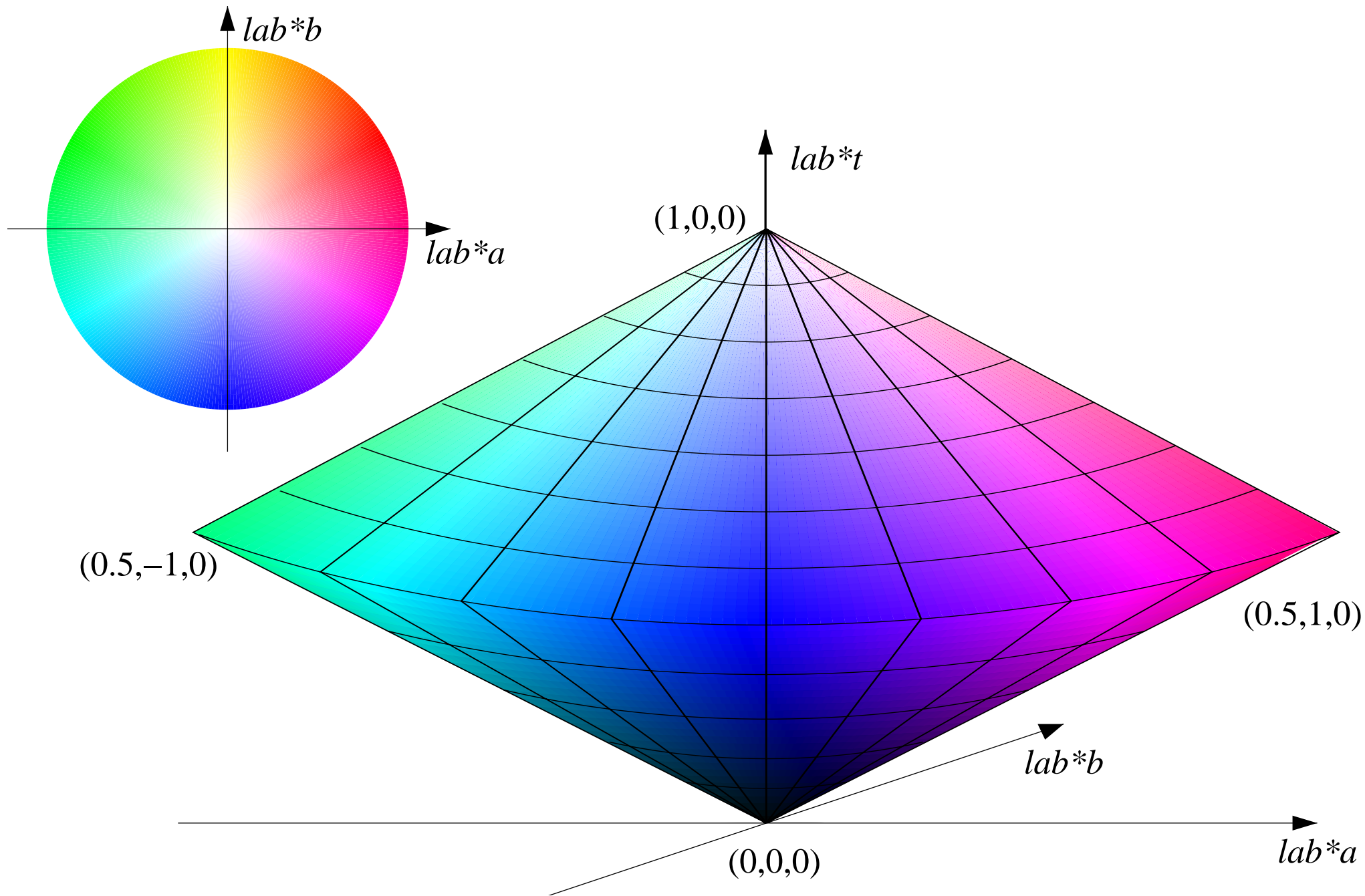
Problems:

- no constant hue
- big differences in ΔE spacing of colour scales
- maximum chromaticness is not well defined

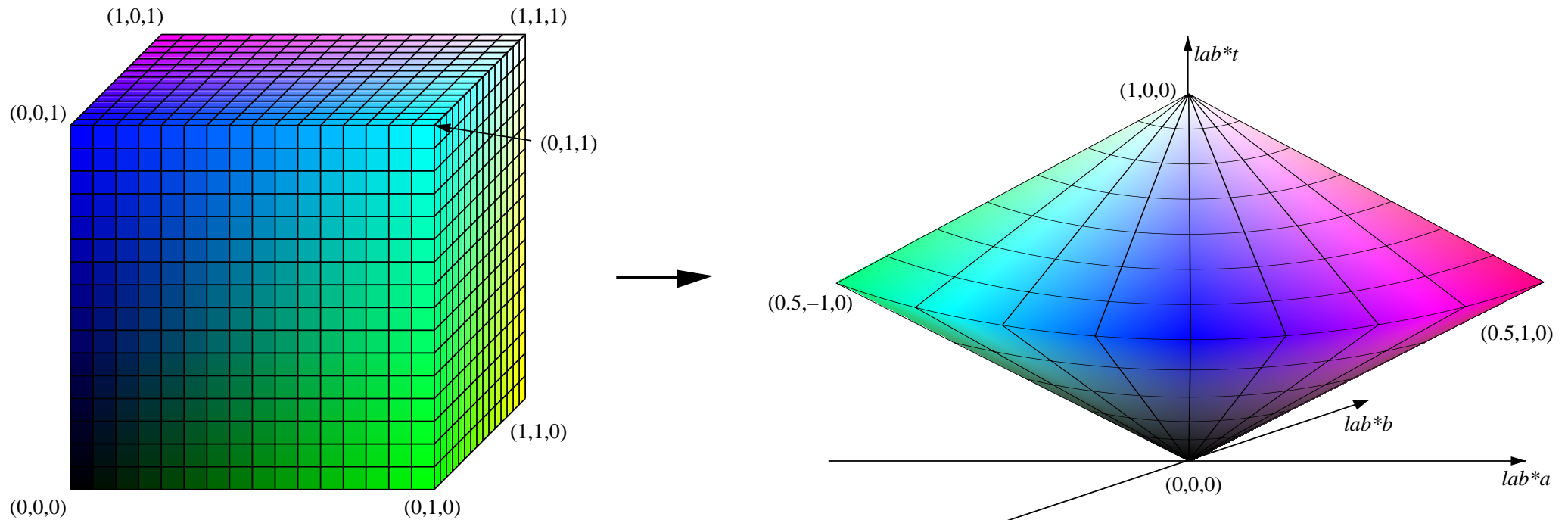
goal of a-b projection

intention: a^*-b^* projection of linearised printer output
16 steps colour scales, *W-Colour* and *N-Colour*



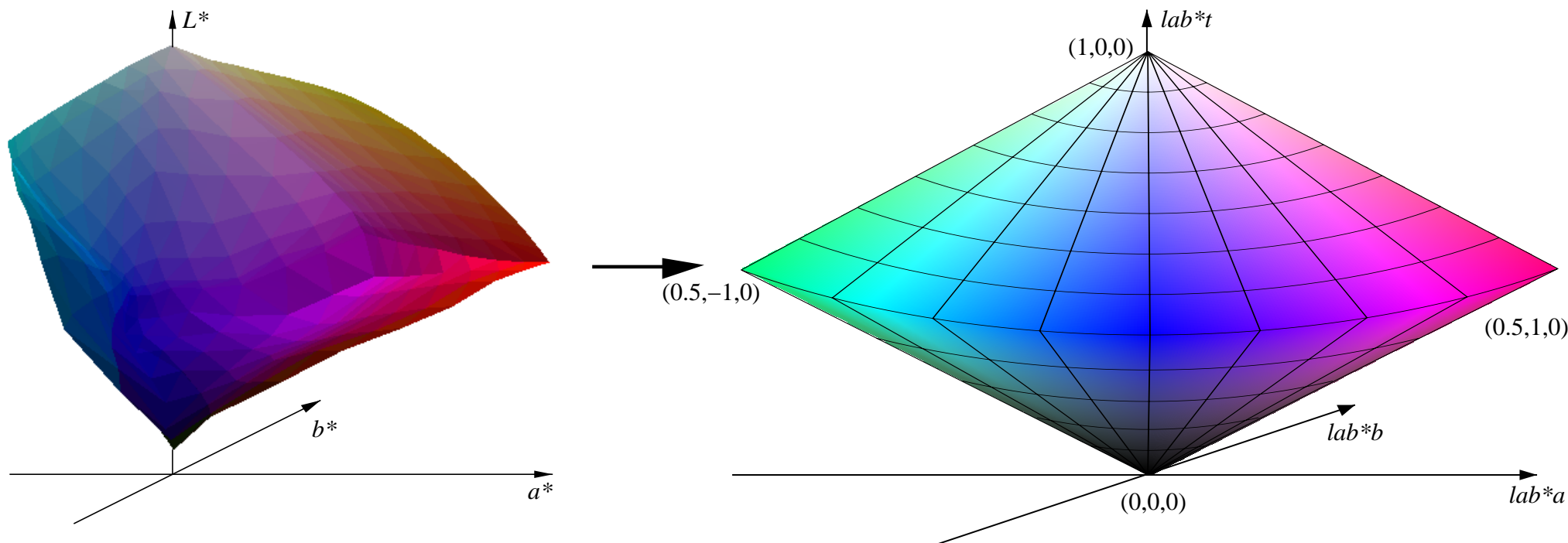


Connection of RGB cube with NCCS



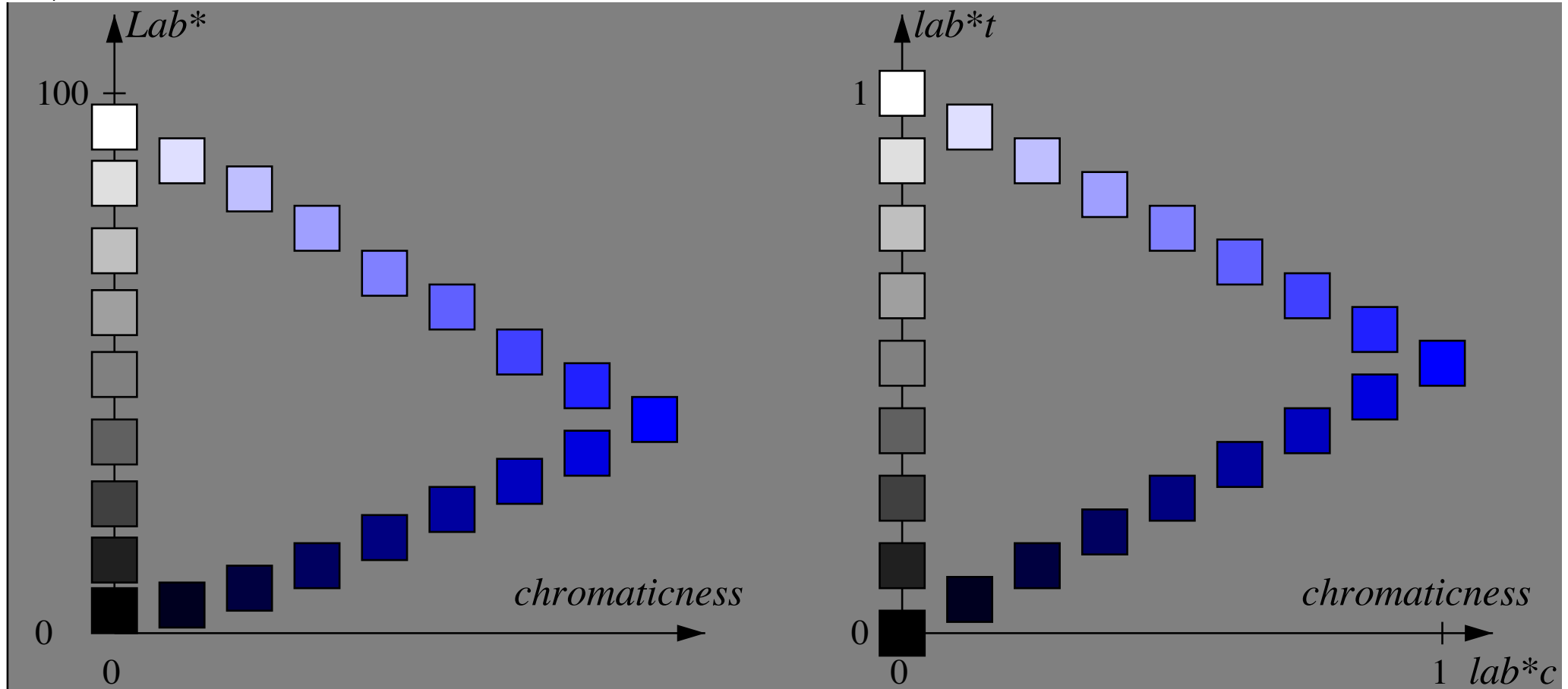
- definition and calculation of three relative coordinates lab^*tab or lab^*tch - similar to the Natural Colour System (NCS)
- lab^*tab : triangle lighthness, red-green and blue-yellow chromaticness
- lab^*tch : triangle lighthness, chromaticness and hue

Definition of the coordinates of the NCCS



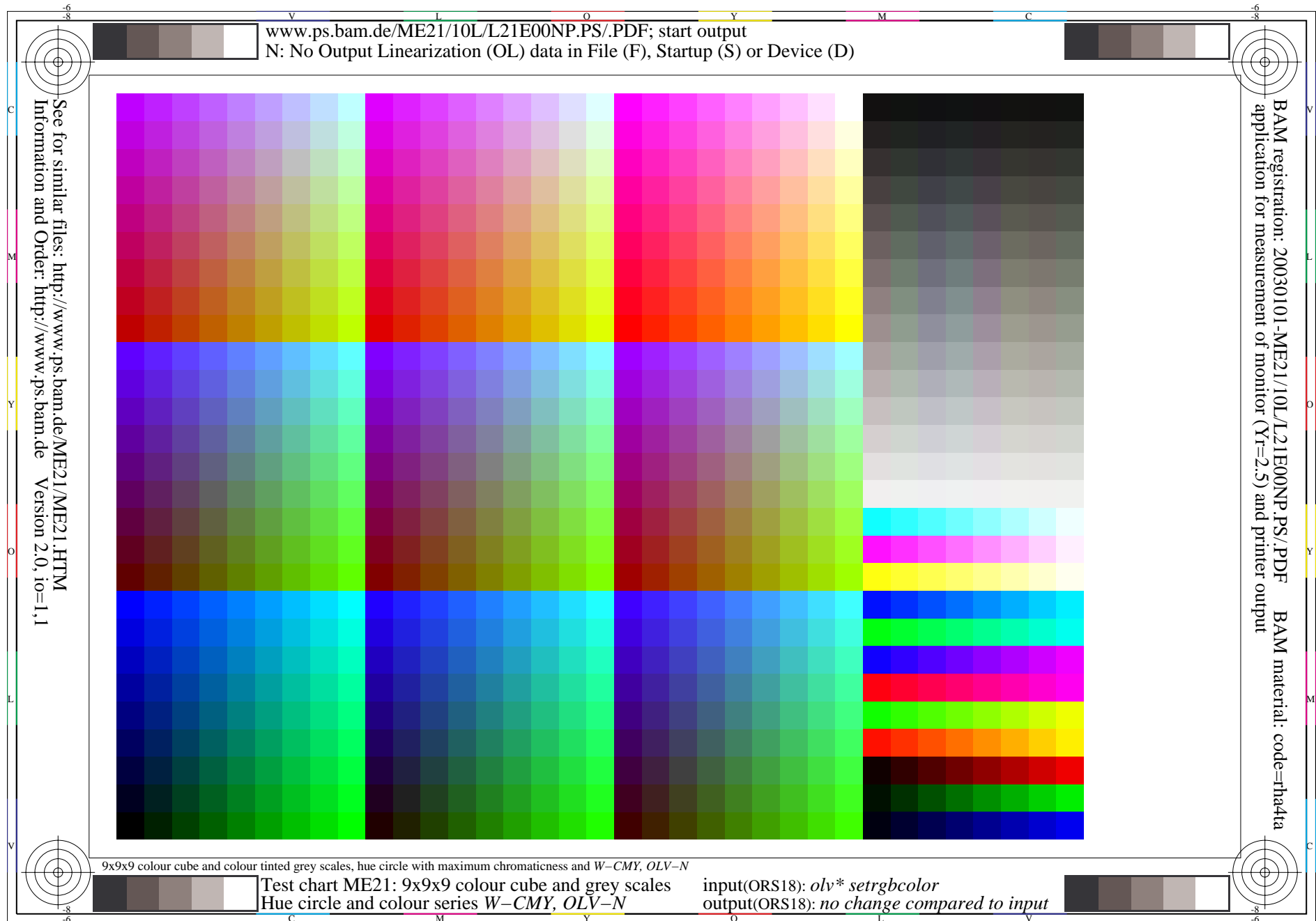
- Lab^* (left) transform to lab^*tab (right):
- $Lab_n^* \rightarrow lab^*tab_n = (0,0,0)$; $Lab_w^* \rightarrow lab^*tab_w = (1,0,0)$
- find for each hue the coordinates in Lab^* of maximum chromaticness such that $(lab^*a^2 + lab^*b^2) = 1$ and $lab^*t = 0.5$

Example of Transformation Lab^* to lab^*tab

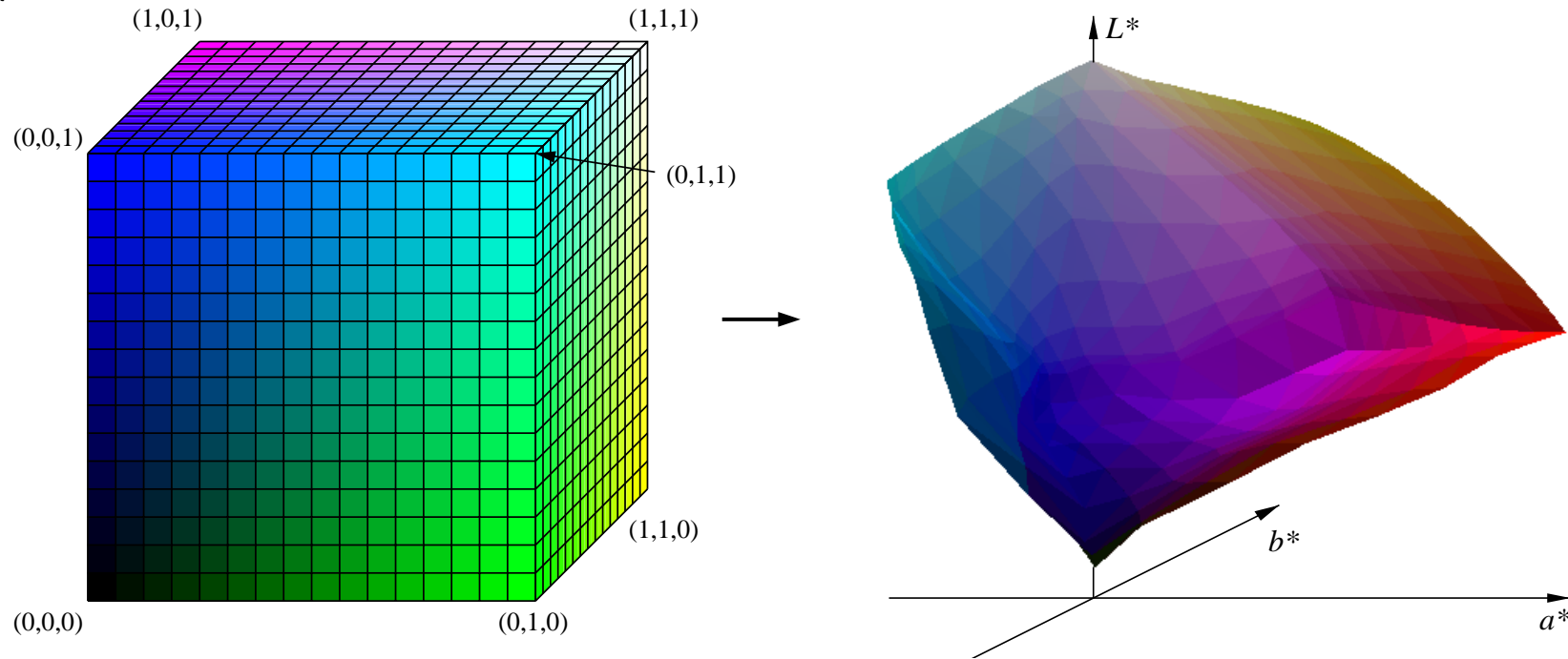


- transformation for equal hue from Lab^* to lab^*tab
- relative spacing of next neighbours is equal

Definition of a Testchart for a practice workflow

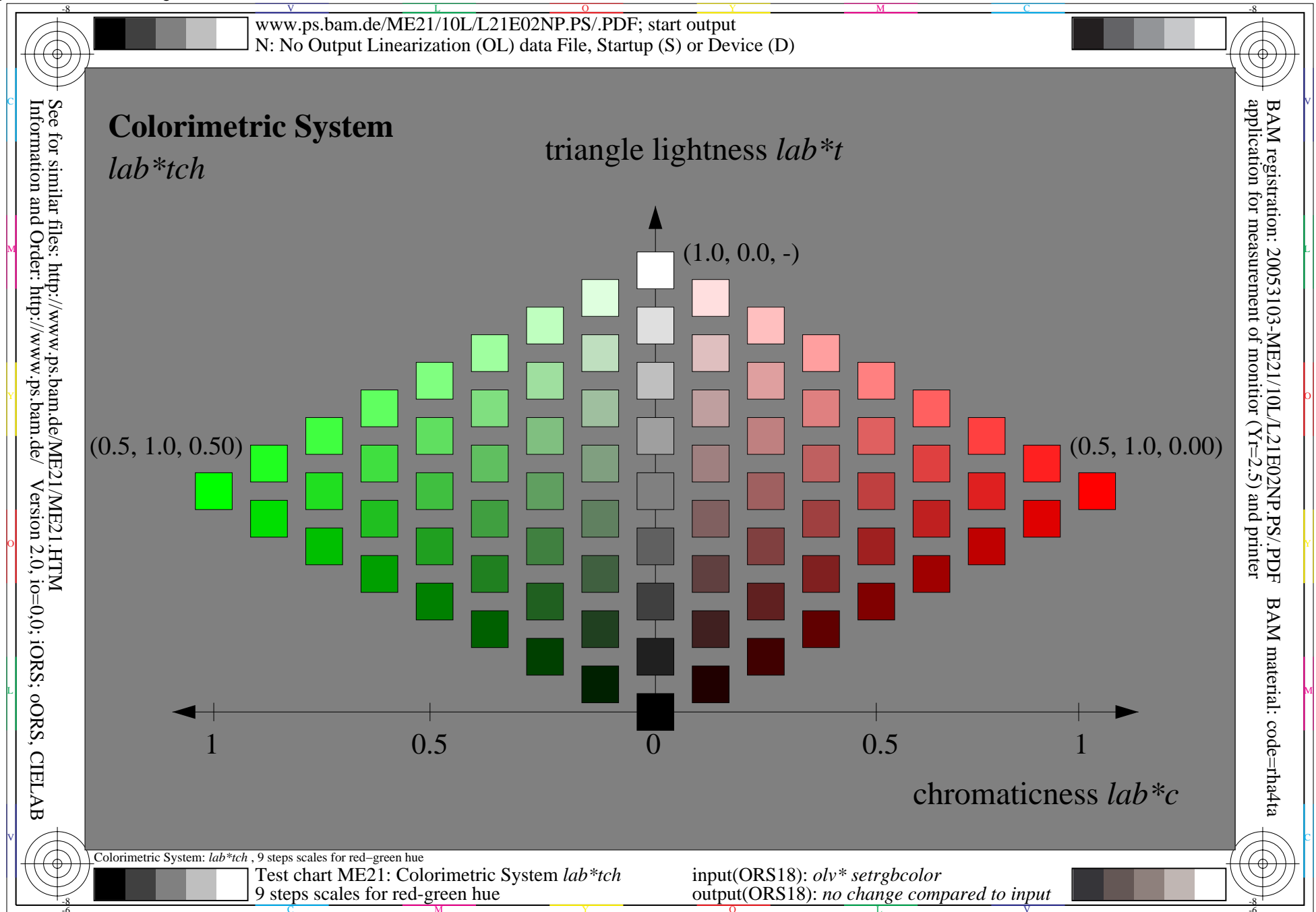


Measurement result

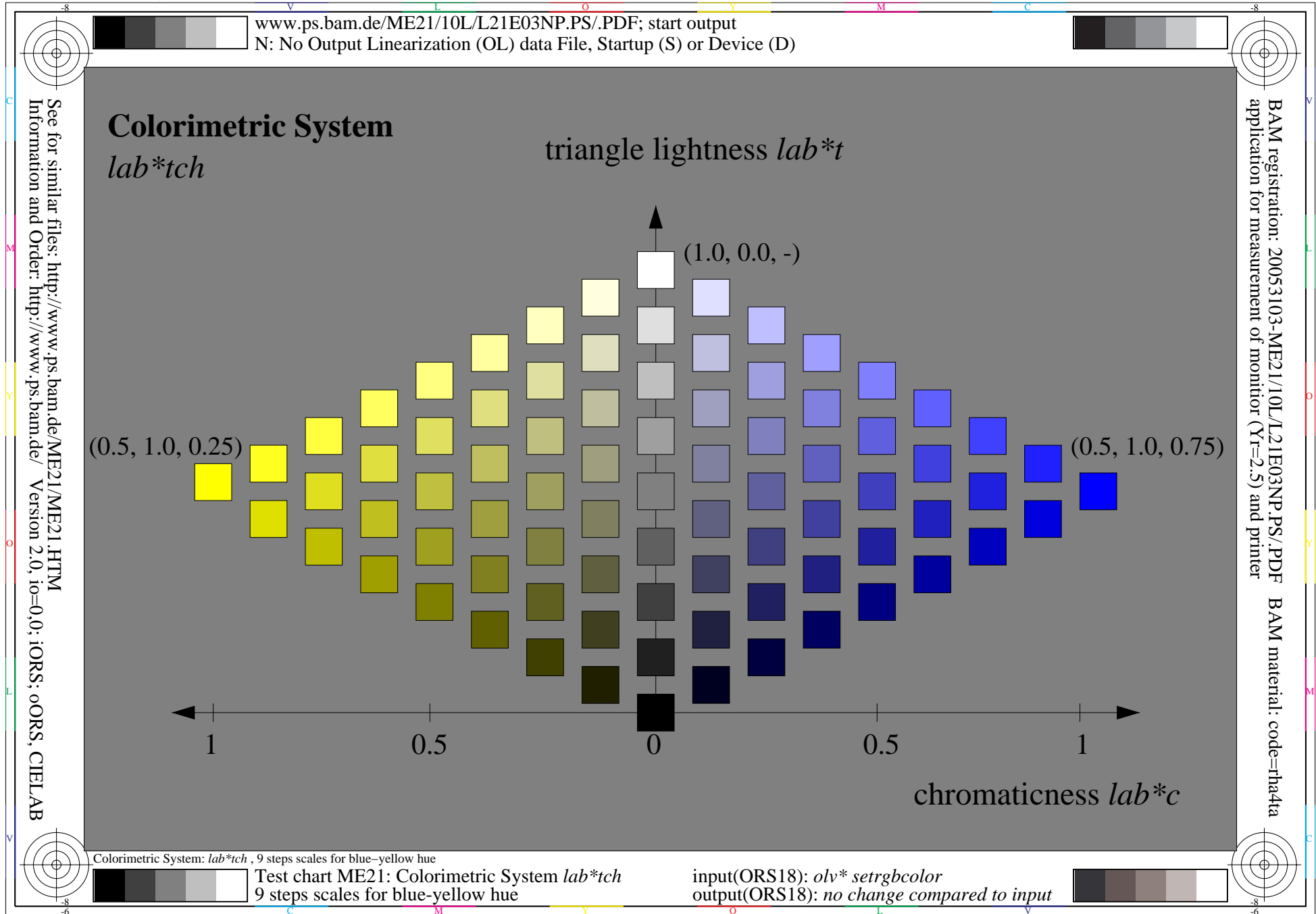


- first output of o/v^* values intends Lab^* values but gives $Lab^{*'}$ values which are device dependent
- calculation of o/v'^* values for the intended Lab^* values
- 2nd output of the o/v'^* values, 2nd measurement of Lab^*
- check of accuracy

9 step colour scales for rec-green hue



9 step colour scales for blue-yellow hue



summary & outlook

- a new CMM using the NCCS was presented
- the method is device independent
- the transformation from the double cone to Lab^* is such that the complete CIELAB space of a certain device is used
- linear relationship between input olv^* (rgb^*) data and output CIELAB data is fulfilled

- special functions such as dynamic definition of hue or shift of chromaticness according to a desired output is possible